

**THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, HELD ITS REGULAR MEETING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2007 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING.**

**PRESENT:** Anthony B. Toran, President, Chas Hunter, Colonel Mike Mills, Traffic Division Supervisor Officer Joe Lewis, Fire Chief Ron Toran, Deputy Fire Chief Stanley Mason, Street Dept Director Chuck Simons, City Clerk Marcey Wisman, Flood Control Director Ron Granger, Drainage Dept. Director Tom Cannon, Building Commissioner Ron Hartman, Controller Kay Garry, and Animal Shelter Director David Hall

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**Mr. Toran called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Item #1 Tim Story re: signage for Grantline Nursery**

**Mr. Story** explained that they would like to replace the face of their sign located at 2223 Grantline Road and presented the board with photographs of what the new sign would look like with addition of electronic reader board.

**Mr. Hunter** stated that he assumes it is structurally sound.

**Mr. Story** said that it was.

**Mr. Denison moved to approve the new sign for Grant Line Nursery, Mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor.**

**Item #2 Stephanie Fortner re: overhang sign at 225 Pearl Street.**

**Ms. Milburn** presented a handout to board with details of the sign and explained that Ms. Fortner was unable to be at the meeting because today is there grand opening and she had asked Ms. Cousins to have someone represent her. Ms. Cousins explained to Ms. Fortner over the phone that she ran the risk of having to take the sign down if the board did not approve it today.

**The board did not take any action and requested that a letter is sent to Ms. Fortner explaining the proper procedure for requesting a sign and what the possible safety issues could be.**

**Item #3 Theresa Timberlake re: lights on Virginia Court**

**Ms. Timberlake** addressed the board about several street lights on Virginia court that are no longer working. She explained that there are three lights out on that street and there has been some vandalism in that area and the residents are unable to even see out into the street. She asked that the board have someone replace the one light on the corner of the alley to give off some light to at least part of the street.

**Mr. Toran** asked who the two lights in the yards belong to.

**Officer Lewis** asked if they were “dusk to dawn” lights and he stated residents have to pay for those themselves.

**Ms. Timberlake** stated that the one on the corner of the alley close to 218 Virginia Ct was owned by the city and she just wanted to see if she could get someone to come fix those.

**Mr. Simons** stated that he would have Duke Energy come out and fix it and that she may want to inform the other residents that Duke would have to come fix the ones in their yard as well.

**Item #4 David Dietrich re: renew permit for hot dog cart**

**Mr. Dietrich** stated that the weather was getting nice so he was here to ask for a vendors permit to sell food from a hot dog stand this summer

**Mr. Hunter moved to approve, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor**

**Item #5 Louise Gohmann re: banner for St. Paul’s Episcopal Church.**

**Ms. Gohmann** addressed board about the arts and craft show on June 9<sup>th</sup> and would like to put a banner on Spring Street from May 7<sup>th</sup> - June 11<sup>th</sup>. She stated that she wasn’t sure if those dates conflicted with St. Mary’s fair that starts a week later but she would be willing to work out a schedule.

**Mr. Hunter** said he would like to work out a schedule to accommodate both and he would get in touch with her to let her know.

**Mr. Denison made motion to approve the permit contingent upon working out a schedule with St. Mary’s, Mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Item #1 Officer Lewis re: Streetlight on Short East 8<sup>th</sup> Street.**

**Officer Lewis** stated that he hasn’t been able to get a hold of Ms. O’Bannon and that he has called twice and left messages. He stated that doesn’t want to act until he can speak with her.

**Item #2 Officer Lewis re: Streetlight in alley between 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Officer Lewis** stated that he went out to look at this location and he believes there needs to be a light pole put in there.

**Mr. Hunter moved to approve the location for street light, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.**

**COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS:**

**Major Mike Lawrence** **NAPD** addressed the board regarding funds received from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security to increase security around the Sherman Minton Bridge by installing surveillance cameras that can record traffic. He explained that the cameras would be located at the West Spring Street, West Market Street, and West Main Street overpasses to record traffic going under the bridge and he asking the board to approve the reoccurring electric charge from Duke Energy.

**Mr. Denison** motioned to approve the request, **Mr. Hunter** second, all voted in favor.

**Chuck Simons** addressed the board concerning April being declared Buddy Coffey(?) month. He explained that he wanted to request a roadblock at Beechwood & Grantline and Silver & Spring the weekend after Easter on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. He stated that he checked with Marcey and those dates were open.

**Mr. Hunter** moved to approve the request, **Mr. Denison** second, all voted in favor.

**Dan Coffey, 1<sup>st</sup> district councilman** addressed the board about several different issues. He stated that he was here representing one of his residents who called to ask why sanitation wasn't picking up the recycling. He explained that he has another resident who owns a piece of rental property and the house was demolished by the last tenants, the owner called to have sanitation canceled while they renovated the property and was told they had to pay regardless if someone was living there or not. He stated that he needed to address that issue with the board because there wouldn't be anyone living there for some time and he doesn't feel like the owners should have to pay this charge. He stated that there is also an issue with Anderson Park and surrounding residents. He explained that there is alley/driveway situation where the Parks department put in new water line going to the bathrooms and the line leaked which damaged a residents driveway and the line is leaking again and the Parks Department is saying that it isn't their responsibility. He also stated that need to decide if they want to leave that area open because there is camping going on back there after games and people are trashing the area. He stated that the grass is being used as a parking lot and the residents are complaining about having to clean up after the games, about the noise.

**Mr. Toran** asked if there was any parking back in that area

**Mr. Coffey** said there was but people weren't just using the designated areas but parking on the grass and he stated that the neighbors are complaining about the stench from the restrooms at the parks

**Mr. Toran** said he would bring this to Mr. Koehler's attention and asked Ms. Welsh about the house being remodeled.

**Mr. Welsh** stated that the charge is dictated by city ordinance and the only way to get rid of the charge would be if the property was bulldozed.

**Mr. Coffey** asked if she could tell him what ordinance that is because he doesn't remember it and it needs to be changed because no one should pay for a service that they aren't getting

**Mr. Toran** asked what area the recycling wasn't being picked up in.

**Mr. Coffey** stated it was on West 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Mr. Toran** said he would look into that as well.

**Major Lawrence** asked Mr. Coffey if he would tell the residents around the park to call the police when people are in the parks after hours or when there is a disturbance because he wasn't aware of any problem.

**Mr. Hall** stated that they are down an animal control officer and asked for some patience until they are able to replace the officer. He explained that Street Department has been great in past in these situations and asked for that cooperation again.

**Mr. Toran** addressed the board regarding the committee on the city ambulance service and read a letter that he intends to send out into record, said letter is on file with the city clerk’s office. He explained that any issue with the ambulance service is a matter for the Board of Public Works and Safety and he felt it was unreasonable for the findings of the committee to be entered into public record as fact when they had not spoke to anyone on neither the board nor the city controller. He stated he felt as though the report was all opinion and that he would be sending the letter to the media.

**Chief Toran** stated that the facts sheet that was submitted by the committee was going to be taken care of and it would be taken care of in a legal way

**COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:**

**Mike Ries First Choice Construction** stated that he missed the meeting that he was scheduled for but needs a curb cut at the 100 block of West Street. (931-7822)

**Mr. Hunter** said they would look at it this weekend and get back to him

**Mr. Ries** stated that he is tearing down a house at 712 W Market Street and wants the handicap parking removed from there and he explained that he would like to second what Mr. Coffey said about property owners not paying trash charges for vacated property.

**Brandon Simmons** showed the board some photos from 2211 Slate Run Road. The pictures were of the back of his house which was a garage or barn at one time according to Mr. Kochert. He explained that there are barriers protecting gas line that have been hit by a car twice and he is asking if there are any salvaged guard rails to put up around that side of his house. He stated that the house is three feet away from asphalt and wants a guard rail towards the back of house where children’s bedroom is as a safety precaution.

**Mr. Simons** said he would go out and take a look at the house. He stated that he does have guard rails but doesn’t have the steal.

**Mr. Simmons** said he would be willing to help and has had the gas company and the water companies come out to check and there are no lines where the bedroom is.

**Mr. Simons said** he would have to run locator to see if any lines are under the area.

**BIDS:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Mr. Hunter** moved to approve the March 6, 2007 minutes, Mr.Toran second, all voted in favor except for Mr. Denison who abstained

**ADJOURN:**

**There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Anthony B. Toran, President**  
**Board of Public Works & Safety**

**Mindy Milburn, Deputy City Clerk**  
**Civil City of New Albany, Indiana**